

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22-23 and 34-39 without prejudice. Please amend claims 19, 21, 27, and 29 as follows.

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a primary voltage regulator to provide primary power to a load from at least one of a first power source or a second power source, the primary voltage regulator having a feedback circuit to detect power supplied to the load and to control any additional voltage regulators; and

a secondary voltage regulator to selectively provide additional power to the load from the second power source based at least in part on availability of the second power source.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the first power source comprises a battery and the second power source comprises an alternating current (AC) line adapter.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 19 ~~further comprising a feedback network coupled to the load, the primary voltage regulator, and the secondary voltage regulator, said feedback network wherein the feedback circuit in the primary voltage regulator~~ to control the secondary voltage regulator to provide the additional power if a load power reaches a threshold level and the second power source is available.

22 - 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising:

a tertiary voltage regulator to detachably couple with the load, said tertiary voltage regulator to selectively provide further additional power to the load from the second power source based at least in part on availability of the second power source.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24 further comprising:

a mobile computer, said mobile computer containing the primary voltage regulator, the secondary voltage regulator, and the load; and

a docking station to detachably receive the mobile computer, said docking station containing the tertiary voltage regulator.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising:

a thermal dissipation device in the docking station to dissipate heat from the tertiary voltage regulator.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 24 ~~further comprising a feedback network to couple to the load, the primary voltage regulator, the secondary voltage regulator, and the tertiary voltage regulator, said feedback network wherein the feedback circuit in the primary voltage regulator~~ to control the secondary voltage regulator to provide the additional power if a load power reaches a first threshold level and the second power source is available, and to control the tertiary voltage regulator to provide the further additional power if the load power reaches a second threshold level and both the tertiary voltage regulator and the second power source are available.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the load has at least a low performance mode, a medium performance mode, and a high performance mode, and wherein the low performance mode uses the primary power, the medium performance mode uses the primary power plus the additional power, and the high performance mode uses the primary power plus the additional power plus the further additional power.

29. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing primary power with a primary voltage regulator to a load from at least one of a first power source or a second power source; and

selectively providing additional power with a secondary voltage regulator to the load from the second power source based at least in part on availability of the second power source, the second voltage regulator controlled by a feedback circuit in the primary voltage regulator.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein selectively providing the additional power comprises:

monitoring a load power;

determining if the second power source is available; and

providing the additional power if the load power reaches a threshold level and the second power source is available.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

detachably coupling a tertiary voltage regulator with the load;

selectively providing further additional power with the tertiary voltage regulator to the load from the second power source based at least in part on availability of the second power source.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

dissipating heat from the tertiary voltage regulator with a thermal dissipation device.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further comprising:

monitoring a load power;

wherein selectively providing the additional power comprises

determining if the second power source is available, and

providing the additional power if the load power reaches a first threshold level

and the second power source is available; and

wherein selectively providing the further additional power comprises

determining if the tertiary power source is available, and

providing the further additional power if the load power reaches a second

threshold level and both the tertiary voltage regulator and the second power source are available.

34 - 39. (Cancelled)